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SUBJECT: SECURITY MEASURES

1. RECENT SLAYING OF DEA SAIC POINTS OUT PROBLEM
OF INDIVIDUALS ENTERING USG OFFICE SPACE WITH
WEAPONS(S) ON THEIR PERSON. PROCEDURES LONG
INSTITUTUED AT CHANCERY INVOLVE SEARCHING OF BRIEF-
CASES, PURSES, PACKAGES ETC. BY LOCAL GUARD AT
GATES AND MSG IN LOBBY. LOCAL GUARDS ALSO VISUALLY
CHECK ON-AMERICANS AND SUSPICIOUS LOOKING
AMERICANS BY HAVING THEM OPEN THEIR COATS OR
JACKETS.

2. IT IS OBVIOUS THIS IS NOT GOING TO STOP
INDIVIDUALS WITH SMALL WEAPONS INCLUDING
KNIVES IN THEIR POCKET AND DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY
SEARCHING OF WOMEN.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT INFORMATION REGARDING
METAL DETECTORS USED IN AIRPORTS THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD BE PROVIDED IN ORDER THAT POST CAN
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PROCURE AND INSTALL THE DETECTORS IN PUBLIC
ACCESS DOORWAYS OF USG INSTALLATIONS BOGOTA
AND THE THREE CONSULATES IN MEDELLIN, CALI,
AND BARRANQUILLA.

4. POST WOULD APPRECIATE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

FOR THIS SECURITY MEASURE AND OTHERS THAT WILL
FOLLOW COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH
OF SAIC GONZALEZ AND RECENTLY COMPLETED
SURVEY FOR CONSULATES IN MEDELLIN AND
BARRANQUILLA REPORTS WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED
SHORTLY.
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